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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING DECEMBER 24,
1974:

QUOTE: MR. ANDERSON: NOW YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, AFTER
CHECKING, I REPORTED TO YOU THAT THE SECRETARY HAD ASKED
AMBASSADOR HELMS FOR A REPORT ON THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE
NEW YORK TIMES STORY.

NOW IN THAT CONNECTION, THE SECRETARY HAS RECEIVED A
MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR HELMS, COMMENTING ON THESE ALLEGA-
TIONS, AND AMBASSADOR HELMS HAS CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT
UNDER HIS STEWARDSHIP THE CIA CONDUCTED ILLEGAL DOMESTIC
OPERATIONS AGAINST ANTI-WAR ACTIVISTS OR DISSIDENTS OR THAT
ANY UNIT TO DO SUCH WAS CREATED UNDER HIM AS DIRECTOR.
AND THE SECRETARY EARNESTLY HOPES THAT JUDGMENTS ON
THESE ALLEGATIONS BE SUSPENDED UNTIL THE PRESIDENT HAS
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RECEIVED MR. COLBY'S REPORT AND HAS DECIDED WHAT FURTHER

STEPS MAY BE NEEDED.

NOW TO RETURN TO ONE OTHER ITEM THAT CAME UP AT THE

BRIEFING YESTERDAY, I WAS ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY PLANS OR IF THE SECRETARY HAD ANY PLANS TO HAVE AMBASSADOR HELMS RETURN FOR CONSULTATIONS BECAUSE OF THESE ALLEGATIONS. AND I SAID AT THE TIME THAT AS FAR AS I KNOW, THE ANSWER IS NO.

NOW THAT, I FOUND OUT, WAS ACCURATE, AND HOLDS TRUE. I DID FIND OUT, LATER IN THE DAY -- IT WAS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION BY THE NEA BUREAU -- THAT LAST OCTOBER THERE HAD BEEN A TELEGRAM OUT TO AMBASSADOR HELMS, A ROUTINE TELEGRAM, APPROVING HIS HOME LEAVE PLANS. ACCORDING TO THOSE PLANS WHICH STILL STAND -- AND IT IS STRICTLY IN CONNECTION WITH HIS HOME LEAVE -- THE AMBASSADOR LEFT TODAY AND IS GOING TO BE SPENDING THE HOLIDAYS WITH RELATIVES ON THE WAY HOME. HE WILL BE BACK HERE, AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED LAST OCTOBER, IN EARLY JANUARY. I THINK IT MAY BE JANUARY 2 OR 3; THAT ISN'T SET YET. KISSINGER

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